

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method comprising:
2 receiving a data packet through a wireless channel;
3 evaluating quality of said wireless channel;
4 calculating a packet error ratio (PER) value for said data packet;
5 checking whether said PER value is within an acceptable level; and
6 determining whether an intermittent noise is affecting said PER value.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising determining whether said intermittent
2 noise is due to a frequency hopping spread spectrum (FHSS) wireless device.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2 wherein said data packet is wirelessly transmitted from a
2 first wireless device to a second wireless device at a bit rate, said first and second
3 wireless devices both compatible to a common wireless protocol.
- 1 4. The method of claim 3 further comprising stepping up said bit rate at which said
2 data packet is transmitted if said PER value is less than a raise rate threshold.
- 1 5. The method of claim 4 further comprising stepping down said bit rate at which
2 said data packet is transmitted if said PER value is greater than a drop rate threshold.
- 1 6. The method of claim 5 further comprising stepping down said bit rate if said

2 intermittent noise is caused by a non-FHSS or constant interference source.

1 7. The method of claim 6 further comprising propagating against said data rate to
2 said second wireless device.

1 8. The method of claim 7 wherein said FHSS wireless device is a Bluetooth device.

1 9. The method of claim 8 wherein said data packet is received at an 802.11(b)
2 device.

1 10. A method comprising:
2 evaluating a data packet for any error;
3 checking whether said data packet includes a packet error;
4 calculating a packet error ratio (PER) for said data packet; and
5 raising data rate setting at which subsequent data packet are transmitted if no
6 packet error exists and said PER is less than a raise rate threshold.

1 11. The method of claim 10 further comprising backing off said data rate if an error
2 exists and said PER value is greater than a drop rate threshold.

1 12. The method of claim 11 further comprising stepping down said data rate if an
2 intermittent noise from a non-FHSS or constant interference source causes a packet error.

- 1 13. The method of claim 11 further comprising:
2 generating a signal strength value and saving said value in a memory location;
3 and
4 evaluating a value for said data packet, wherein said data rate is increased if an
5 average signal strength value based on prior data packets is above a signal strength
6 raise rate threshold.
- 1 14. The method of claim 13 comprising determining whether said packet error is due
2 to intermittent interference.
- 1 15. The method of claim 14 wherein said intermittent interference is caused from a
2 frequency hopping spread spectrum (FHSS) device.
- 1 16. The method of claim 15 further comprising stepping down said data rate if said
2 interference is not caused by said FHSS device.
- 1 17. An apparatus comprising:
2 a wireless transceiver to send and receive a data packet via wireless
3 communications;
4 a network interface card coupled to said wireless transceiver, said network
5 interface card to connect to another wireless device to form a wireless local area
6 network; and
7 firmware comprising control logic to calculate a packet error ratio (PER) value for

